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For: **METHOD FOR PRODUCING MULTI-LAYERED PREFORMS**

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please cancel without prejudice the Preliminary Amendment filed 20 April 2000 and enter the following Supplemental Preliminary Amendment.

Before calculating the filing fee for the above identified application, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the second paragraph of page 5 of the translated specification as follows:

It proves surprising that, during the next mould cycle, the first injection shot using component A is free from undesirable material B. As described by way of example in EP 0 768 163 or EP 0 380 215, all methods known today use material A in topping up, i.e. to replace material shrunk during cooling. This [unexpected] result, unexpected even to the specialist, can be explained by the reversal of the admission channels. Particularly, a small reduction in the viscosity to component A (new material) is achieved through the specific manner in which the individual components are conveyed, i.e. conveyance of component A through the slightly warmer inner jet chamber. In contrast to preforms produced using conventional methods of injection moulding, preforms